

IOWA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

PRESS RELEASE

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Recently, the Iowa Board of Medical Examiners took the following action:

Jeffrey L. Allyn, M.D., a 45 year-old physician practicing in Des Moines, Iowa, entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board to resolve pending disciplinary charges. On December 13, 2001, Dr. Allyn was charged by the Board for violating the terms of his probation order. Under the terms of the Settlement Agreement, Dr. Allyn has agreed to immediately contact the Board if, for any reason, he is unable to comply with his Board order in the future.

Rafael Armendariz, M.D., a 40 year-old physician from El Paso, Texas, entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Iowa Board to resolve pending disciplinary charges. On June 27, 2001, Dr. Armendariz was charged by the Iowa Board after being disciplined by the Texas Medical Board for failure to adequately supervise the activities of those acting under his supervision. If Dr. Armendariz chooses to practice medicine under his Iowa medical license in the future his Iowa medical license will be placed on probation for a period of two years subject to certain terms and conditions. Dr. Armendariz has not practiced medicine in Iowa for some time.

David Lee Gannon, M.D., a 53 year-old physician from Rock Island, Illinois, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board to resolve a pending disciplinary matter. On December 21, 2000, Dr. Gannon was formally reprimanded by the Illinois Medical Board for failing to properly monitor a patient who suffered a heart attack. The Iowa Board issued Dr. Gannon a Citation and Warning for being disciplined by the Illinois Medical Board.

Frank L. Lauro, M.D., a 65 year-old physician from Jackson, Mississippi, voluntarily surrendered his Iowa medical license to resolve a pending disciplinary investigation. The Iowa Board initiated an investigation upon receipt of information indicating Dr. Lauro voluntarily surrendered his Mississippi medical license on December 20, 2001, to resolve a pending disciplinary investigation in Mississippi.

Pradeep Sarswat, M.D., a 52 year-old physician from Marshalltown, Iowa, was charged by the Board with inappropriately using controlled substances in violation of the terms of his probation Order, habitual intoxication and the inability to practice medicine in a safe manner due to the excessive use of drugs. A hearing in this matter is scheduled for February 6, 2003.

Warren B. Scott, M.D., a 64 year-old physician practicing in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board to resolve pending disciplinary charges. On May 29, 2002, Dr. Scott was charged by the Board for failing to appropriately confirm the delivery date and mistakenly initiating labor eight weeks premature in his treatment of an expecting mother and failing to administer the appropriate antibiotic to a five month old child. Under the terms of the Settlement Agreement, Dr. Scott has agreed to permanently discontinue his practice of obstetrics. Dr. Scott must also complete medical education in the area of pediatrics and his pediatric care will be monitored by another physician.